



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING  
THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 9, 2001, the shortened statutory period for  
reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 26 and 38-45 as follows:

26. (Twice Amended) A stage apparatus for scanning an object that includes at least  
one of a mask and a photosensitive substrate, said stage apparatus being provided to a scanning  
exposure apparatus that illuminates said mask on which a transfer pattern is formed and scans  
said mask in a predetermined scanning direction and synchronously scans said substrate in a  
direction corresponding to said scanning direction, thereby exposing said pattern on said mask  
onto said substrate, comprising:

a base;

a scanning stage that is movable in said scanning direction on said base;